GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RELIEF TO DROUGHT VICTIMS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)Whether a delegation ted by Chief Minister of Maharashtra has demanded aid of a suit) of Rs. 2,500 crore for implementation of the projects for relief to victims of drought that hit a number of districts of the State during the last four years ;

(b) If so, the details of the representation indicating the areas hit by drought and the severity of the drought there; and

(c) The union Government`s response thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (c): It has been informed by the Ministry of Agriculture that the Chief Minister, Maharashtra with his delegation met the Prime Minister on 28th May, 2004 and inter-alia demanded assistance for drought of 2003-04 in the State. During 2003-04, 71 talukas in 11 districts of Maharashtra were declared as drought affected by the State Government. Taking into account the requirements projected by the State Government, from time to time, and based on the approval by the High Level Committee (HLC), total assistance amounting to Rs. 250.69 crores from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and 7 lakh MTs of foodgrains

(valued at Rs. 700 crores), free of cost under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for relief employment have been provided to the State for drought of 2003-04, in accordance with the items and norms of expenditure for assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/NCCF. This is in addition to release of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 208.14 crores.